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Seishi KATO et al. : Docket No. 2001_1023A
Serial No. 09/889,722 : Group Art Unit 1636
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A HUMAN NUCLEAR PROTEIN HAVING A
WW DOMAIN AND A POLYNUCLEOTIDE
ENCODING THE PROTEIN

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated July 29, 2003.

The Official Action constitutes a requirement for restriction.

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group II, claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9, with traverse.

All claims do possess unity of invention under PCT Rules.

The Action alleges that the claims fail to define a contribution which each of the claimed inventions as a whole make over the prior art.

However, this allegation is not well taken. Patentability of the claims over the prior art will be established upon proper examination of the claims.

Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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